

REMARKS

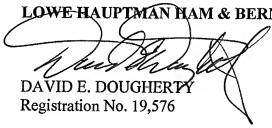
In the aforementioned Office Action claims 6-8 and 14-16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but considered allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Those claims have now been rewritten to overcome the objection. All other claims have been cancelled.

Accordingly, it is Applicant's contention that this application should be allowed.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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